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LETTER DATED 27 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement of 26 August 1993 by Mr. B. N. Yeltsin, President of the Russian Federation, concerning the resolution of the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

(Signed) Y. VORONTSOV

Annex

Statement by Mr. B. N. Yeltsin, President of the Russian Federation, concerning the resolution of the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The process of resolving the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina has reached a particularly important stage. An extremely difficult road has been travelled, necessitating the most active efforts by the entire international community, including Russia, and, above all, requiring major concessions by all the parties to the conflict. As a result, the participants in the Geneva negotiations have almost reached a compromise that would put an end to the protracted and bloody tragedy in Bosnia.

Russia makes an urgent appeal to the political leaders of the parties to the conflict and to the people of that unhappy Republic to demonstrate political wisdom at this point in time, to resolutely set aside mutual offences, recriminations and mistrust and to commit themselves definitively to the cause of peace in Bosnia and stability in the former Yugoslavia and the Balkans.